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Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 05 December 2002 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See attachment.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: _____

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____

ADVISORY ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12-05-2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicant's arguments that the combination of Forssen (5,615,409) and Dunbridge cannot render obvious the combination of features recited in applicant's claim 1, more specific to the argument that Dunbridge fails to disclose the term "transmission power ratio"; Dunbridge disclose "user signal power ratios" (see col. 6, lines 23-36), note that the word ratio is in plural including both receiving and transmitting.

Regarding applicant's arguments that there is no basis for motivation to combine Dunbridge and Forssen, both disclose methods for transmitting and receiving signals in a communication system, also both disclose methods of reducing interference and increase system capacity using directional antennas. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the Dunbridge determining section to the Forssen system to maintain a stable signal of a moving user for a reliable signal quality.

Regarding applicant's arguments that the rejection was made final using a new reference, a new ground of rejection was necessitated by applicant's amendment in claim 15 because a new search was required. Original claim recited "mobile station apparatus with directivity [different from] wider than that of [said] the first signal", the

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terms wider and different are not the same, changing the meaning of the original claim making necessary the new search. Therefore, the current rejection in record stand.

Conclusion

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